



TWENTY-NINE PALMS BAND OF MISSION INDIANS

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Luis Lopez, Development Services Director
City of Coachella – Development Services Department
1515 Sixth Street
Coachella, CA 92236

Re: Request to Consult on the Coachella Travel Centre Project, Coachella, California

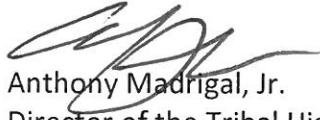
Dear Mr. Lopez:

This letter in regards to continued consultation for the Coachella Travel Centre. This project entails a conditional use permit and architectural review on 14.1 acres to develop a travel center that includes a 4-story hotel, a restaurant, a drive-thru restaurant, a convenience store, a gas station, and a truck stop. The Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO), established to protect and preserve cultural resources that are within the ancestral territory of the Chemehuevi, has concerns in regards to the project. The subject property, located on APN 760-020-021 is adjacent to numerous cultural resources and is approximately 1-mile from the Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians (Tribe) Reservation. The THPO is aware of cultural resources located less than .5 miles from the project site. Additionally, the project is located within the Chemehuevi Traditional Use Area. For these reasons, the project area has the possibility of inadvertent discoveries, which could have an adverse effect on potential cultural resources that concern the Tribe.

As stated in our letter sent April 4, 2018, this report should have a visual assessment of cultural resources that are or may be nominated to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) or the California Register of Historical Resources (CRHP). Since this project entails the construction of a 5-story hotel; the integrity of cultural resources that are or may be eligible to be listed in the NRHP/CRHP should be evaluated. This evaluation of integrity includes, but is not limited to location, setting, feeling, and association. For this reason, the THPO continues to request to review any cultural reports related to this project and provide further recommendations. If no other response is given within the 30-day timeframe stipulated in California Public Resources Code § 21080.3.1, the Tribe automatically elects to be a consulting party under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The Tribe and THPO look forward to working with the City of Coachella on this project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Tribal Historic Preservation Office at (760) 775-3259 or by email: TNPConsultation@29palmsbomi-nsn.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anthony Madrigal, Jr.', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Anthony Madrigal, Jr.
Director of the Tribal Historic Preservation Office

cc: Darrell Mike, Twenty-Nine Palms Tribal Chairman
Sarah Bliss, Twenty-Nine Palms Cultural Resource Manager